



UPPER HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM

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SERVICES COMMITTEE

July 6, 2020

PRESENT: Sarah Goff, Chair; Jacqueline Marino, Yvette Terplak; Lisa Scoons; Sarah Clark

Excused:

Absent:

UHLS Staff: Natalie Hurteau; Tim Burke

Meeting called to order at 4:02 PM by Sarah Goff.

I. Construction State Aid – Review of 90/10 proposal

T. Burke reviewed the three proposed options (attached) for the 90/10 criteria for the 2020 Construction State Aid award. The committee discussed the merits of all three options; focusing on the need for flexibility, while still clearly defining what a “distressed” library would look like.

MOTION: Yvette Terplak made a motion to adapt the criteria presented in Option 2, seconded by Lisa Scoons. Motion passed.

Reminder that the preliminary application deadline for Construction State Aid is August 1, 2020. T. Burke to work on final statement of the committee’s recommendation to the board.

II. OTHER ITEMS

T. Burke updated the committee on the annual awards; (1-2 minute YouTube video for each winner)

Meeting adjourned at 4:37 PM.

Natalie Hurteau 7/8/2020



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HYBRID OPTION

NYS Public Library Construction Aid – 75%/90% award criteria

75% Eligible Criteria

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- 1) Serve a municipal subdivision which makes up a majority (by population or land area) of the library’s chartered service population that has 4 percent or more of its population unemployed as shown in the latest 5 year summary data of the US census (US Census Bureau American Community Survey 5-year estimates - <https://censusreporter.org/>
 - Under the Topics section, choose Employment

- Choose table B23025 Employment Status
 - Type in a place name (ex. Grafton, NY)
- 2) Serve a municipal subdivision which makes up a majority (by population or land area) of the library's chartered service population that has **10 percent or more of its population living in poverty** as shown in the latest 5 year summary data of the US census (US Census Bureau American Community Survey 5-year estimates –<https://censusreporter.org/>)
- Type in a place name (ex. Berne, NY)
 - Poverty Levels are included in the Economics section
- 3) Serve the majority (by population or land area) of a public school district within which the percentage of student enrollment that is **eligible for free and reduced lunch under the National School Lunch Program is 30 percent or more** for at least one month during the twelve months prior to the date of filing of the grant application.
(http://portal.nysed.gov/pls/cn_port/mel3_pkg.elig_enroll_query).
- Select specific NYS School District from pull down menu
 - Check "school" box under PUBLIC
 - Click "Find"
- 4) The library must serve a municipal subdivision which makes up a majority (by population or land area) of the library's chartered service population that is located in a **State or Federally designated disaster area** any time for a period of 3 years from the initial designation

90% eligible criteria

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- 1) A library must meet ALL THREE of the above "economically disadvantaged" criteria required by the 75% eligible criteria
- 2) The library must demonstrate that it lacks the capacity to provide twenty-five percent of their project's cost by having a Per Capita Local Support which is equal to or less than the average Per Capita Local Support for all UHLS member libraries for the last NYS approved reporting year.

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Notes

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